Cancellation of ISI Mark

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a swoop on errant bottled drinking water manufacturers, Government have cancelled ISI quality mark licences of seven more plants, including three producing popular Bisleri brand;

(b) if so, whether the number of bottled water companies facing cancellation of ISI mark has now risen to 20 in less than a month after the Bureau of Indian Standards launched a nation-wide quality inspection drive;

(c) if so, the details of these companies;

(d) the existing number of companies who have been issued licences; and

(e) whether the expert Committee in its latest report has suggested improved tests for the bottled water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) Recently while carrying out the surveillance activity as envisaged in the Scheme of Testing and Inspection for Packaged Drinking Water and Packaged Natural Mineral Water, various discrepancies were observed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in operation of licenses in 28 manufacturing units. Accordingly, they were put under 'Stop Marking.' It is true that out of 28 manufacturing units, 3 units were manufacturing Bisleri Brand bottled water.

(c) The details of 28 manufacturing units which were put under 'Stop Marking' are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) So far, BIS has granted 777 licenses for Packaged Drinking Water and 7 licenses for Packaged Natural Mineral Water.

(e) The expert committee has found the existing tests adequate as per existing standards.

Statement

Details of 28 manufacturing units which were put under 'Stop Marking'

Sl. No.	Name of the firm	Brand Name	Stop marking imposed on	Reasons for stop marking	Re-marks
1	2	3	4	5	
1.	Sri Agencies, Secunderabad (AP)	Sri	2003.03.12	Consecutive failure of samples	
2.	Avon Food and Beverages, Hyderabad (AP)	Bisleri	2003.03.07	Consecutive failure of samples	
3.	Tora Purified Water, Tiruvallur (TN)	Spring UP	2003.03.11	Consecutive failure of samples	
4.	Rainbow Mineral Water, Sattur (TN)	Rainbow	2003.03.12	Consecutive failure of samples	
5.	Annam Associates, Eluru (AP)	Bisleri	2003.03.12	Failure of samples	
6.	Sri Springs, Eluru (AP)	Kalpna	2003.03.12	Failure of samples	
7.	Bisleri International, Noida (UP)	Bisleri	2003.03.03	Failure of complaint sample	
8.	Varun Aqua Industries, Delhi	Varun Aqua	2003.03.05	Consecutive failure of samples drawn earlier	
9.	Gánga Mineral Water, Poonamallee (TN)	Gangar	2003.03.11	Consecutive failure of samples drawn earlier	

1	2	3	4	5
10.	Pallavi Industries, Vishakhapatnam (AP)	Bisleri	2003.02.21	Unsatisfactory performance and failure of sample
11.	Sri Vinayak Foods and Beverages, Hyderabad (AP)	Theertha	2003.03.12	Consecutive failure of samples
12.	M/s Krish Bottlers, Jaipur (Raj)	Mac Dowell	2003.03.20	Consecutive failure of samples
13.	M/s Shreenath Beverages, Jodhpur (Raj)	Piyo Sa	2003.03.21	Consecutive failure of samples
14.	M/s Associated Minerals Allahabad (UP)	King Fisher	2003.02.17	Unsatisfactory performance and failure of current samples
15.	M/s Sampann Overseas, Kanpur (UP)	Mc Dowell No. 1 and Bagpiper	2003.03.29	Consecutive failure of samples
16.	M/s Itrik Industries, Guwahati (Assam)	Bisleri	2003.04.02	Consecutive failure of samples
17.	M/s B.N. Industries, Guwahati (Assam)	Royal Refresh, Mc-Dowel No. 1 and Bagpiper	2003.04.02	Consecutive failure of samples
18.	M/s VKP Mineral Water, Srikakulam (AP)	Vamsa Dhara	2003.03.17	Failure of samples
19.	M/s Mounica Beverages, West Godavari (AP)	Priya	2003.02.20	Unsatisfactory performance and failure of sample

Status of 9 plants manufacturing BIS Mark Packaged Drinking Water as per news item

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the firm	Licence No.	Action taken against the firm	Reasons for actions	Present status
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	M/s Kothari Beverages, Shahpur, Distt. Thana	CM/L-7323564	Marking Stopped w.e.f. 2003.02.19	Unsatisfactory performance due to improper hygienic conditions	The instruction has been given to the firm not to use BIS Standard Mark on their product *w.e.f.* the date of stoppage of marking till the firm is re-permitted to use the BIS Standard Mark after taking corrective actions and subsequent verification by BIS
2.	M/s Vaibhav Aqua, Ghatkopar, Mumbai	CM/L-7317266	Marking stopped *w.e.f.* 2003.02.19	Unsatisfactory performance like non-availability of test equipments, poor hygienic conditions	The instruction has been given to the firm not to use BIS Standard Mark on their product *w.e.f.* the date of stoppage of marking till the firm is re-permitted to use the BIS Standard Mark after taking corrective actions and subsequent verifications by BIS.
3.	M/s Ion Exchange Navi, Mumbai	CM/L-7327976	Marking stopped *w.e.f.* 2003.02.19	Unsatisfactory performance due to non-implementation of Scheme of Testing and Inspection	The instruction has been given to the firm not to use BIS Standard Mark on their product *w.e.f.* the date of stoppage of marking till the firm is re-permitted to use the BIS Standard Mark after

1	2	3	4	5	6
					taking corrective actions and subsequent verifications by BIS.
4.	M/s Surbhi Milk Food Kalol	CM/L-7373680	Marking stopped *w.e.f.* 2003.02.15	Unsatisfactory performance due to poor hygienic conditions	The instruction has been given to the firm not to use BIS Standard Mark on their product *w.e.f.* the date of stoppage of marking till the firm is re-permitted to use the BIS Standard Mark after taking corrective actions and subsequent verifications by BIS.
5.	M/s Pepsico India Holding Bharuch	CM/L-7416975	Enforcement action Marking stopped w.e.f. 2003.02.19	Material produced prior to grant of licence marked with ISI mark and CM/L no. by pasting sticker. Microbiologist absent and test equipment sent out	The instruction has been given to the firm not to use BIS Standard Mark on their product *w.e.f.* the date of toppage of marking till the firm is re-permitted to use the BIS Standard Mark after taking corrective actions and subsequent verifications by BIS.
6.	M/s Maharashtra Mfrs. Corpn. Dist. Thane	CM/L-7344269	Marking stopped *w.e.f.* 2003.02.24	Unsatisfactory performance - microbiologist absent, Scheme of Testing and Inspection not followed	The instruction has been given to the firm not to use BIS Standard Mark on their product *w.e.f.* the date of stoppage of marking till the firm is re-permitted to use the BIS Standard Mark after taking corrective actions and

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					subsequent verifications by BIS
7.	M/s Surat Beverages, Dadra	CM/L-7316668	Marking stopped *w.e.f.* 2003.02.12	Unsatisfactory performance due to improper hygienic conditions	The instruction has been given to the firm not to use BIS Standard Mark on their product *w.e.f.* the date of stoppage of marking till the firm is re-permitted to use the BIS Standard Mark after taking corrective actions and subsequent verifications by BIS.
8.	M/s Sardul Mineral Water and Soda Pvt. Ltd., Jamshedpur	CM/L-5157462	Marking stopped *w.e.f.* 2003.02.15	Unsatisfactory performance due to non-implementation of Scheme of Testing and Inspection	The instruction has been given to the firm not to use BIS Standard Mark on their product *w.e.f.* the date of stoppage of marking till the firm is re-permitted to use the BIS Standard Mark after taking corrective actions and subsequent verifications by BIS.
9.	M/s Kothari Beverages, Nadiad, Dist. Kheda	CM/L-7316466	Marking stopped *w.e.f.* 2003.02.20	Unsatisfactory performance due to non-implementation of Scheme of Testing and Inspection	The instruction has been given to the firm not to use BIS Standard Mark on their product *w.e.f.* the date of stoppage of marking till the firm is re-permitted to use the BIS Standard Mark after taking corrective actions and subsequent verifications by BIS.